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**Article of the Week (AOTW)**

**Follow/Answer ALL Questions**

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| Title rover going to mars |
| Source newyorktimes.com |

**1. Show evidence of a close reading. Mark up the text with questions and/or comments.**

2. What vocabulary stood out? (Unfamiliar, Key Words, WOW – **must list a few**)

Nuclear powered

Cape Canaveral

Extraterrestrial

Atlas V rocket.

3. Briefly summarize the main points of the article.

Nasa is sending the rover to get samples of mars. To see if there was ever life there. It has sensors for weather to see if it was good enough for human life. They are also taking soil samples. It will take the rover 8 months to make it mars. With the samples they can run tests to see if there was every life on mars. They are also looking for carbon compounds.

4. What is the author’s purpose? (**site evidence from the text to support**)

That nasa is trying to proof that one day we may be ably to live on mars. NASA is also experimenting with different kinds of rovers. Since the knew rover is nuclear powered that’s a break through for NASA. The 8 month journey also will be very long for the rover at the same time it’s a test to see if the new nuclear powered rover can make it to mars unmanned.

5. What is your opinion (must take a stance on the author’s purpose and main points)

I think the mission is overpriced. It will cost 2.5 billion. NASA is using new kinds of rovers such as nuclear powered ones that have a built in laboratory to take samples of soil. They than kind find out weather or not there was every life on that planet.

6. What question do you still have? (You must have at least one. “**None” is not acceptable**)

What else is the rover supposed to collect other than weather data and soil samples.